

Prosser Blainy - May the 28th 1842

My dear Sir

This is the first opportunity I have had - since I received your note - to send you Books, and regret extremely that I should have had neglected re: turning them for so long a time. The fact is they were among some others that I had not unpacked since I brought them down here. I must beg of you to excuse my want of punctuality -

I dare say you have already learned - through the papers - that I have been regularly superseded from Home - by a Mr. Lacy - in my official appointment here, and I am now without employment. You are also aware by this time that I have declared myself independent

To explain my reason for taking this
step I must tell you in the first place
that just before "Mr. Cotton" went to "Sydney"
I consulted him on the state of my affairs
which were in a deranged state in consequence
of my having put my name
on some Bills for "Mr. M. C. C. C." who
himself became insolvent; and also
by the expenses of Building here.
Mr. Cotton most kindly expected himself
to give time for me from my creditors,
and succeeded in getting a letter of advice
signed by most of them, but unfortunately
two or three of them refused to sign it,
and immediately commenced proceeding
against me without mercy, and
"Mr. Cocker" had a writ of execution
issued against me, and I was
advised to adopt at once the only

Means in my power of securing
an Equal Dividend to all my Co-
sitizens. God only knows what pain this
has caused to me! or what I am to
do. - In time I have every expectation
of receiving another appointment from
Government - Perhaps a Post Office Com-
missioner - I get through my difficulties. But
it will take at least 2 months, and
I shall have to leave my family in
the mean time.

- becomodate
but I submit
- Forudum.
Future.

I know all I have, but I
will for the last 3 years - but I
must ^{not} trespass on you too far with
my private assurances. I know well
that you and Mr. Cotton will feel for
me.

Saml Lapham ^{28/5/42}

and I shall never forget "Mr. Cotton"
sincere friendship and disinterested
kindness.

I truly hope "Mr. Cotton" & self
and the children are all quite
well and happy, and that you
have received cheering intelligence
from "Mr. Cotton" - With the very kindest
regards in which "Mr. Lapham" unites